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FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 9761

INFO AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE PRIORITY

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AMEMBASSY DAKAR

AMEMBASSY MONROVIA

AMCONSUL DOUALA

AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

C O N F I D E N T I A L COTONOU 0981

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAIR, PINS, NL, DM

SUBJ: POSSIBLE BENINESE SAFEHAVEN FOR SOUTH MOLUCCAN  
TERRORISTS

REF: A. STATE 128738, B. THE HAGUE 2897 (NOTAL) C. 76 COTONOU  
1511 (NOTAL), D. 76 COTONOU 1509 (NOTAL).

1. WE HAVE HAD NO CONFIRMATION HERE THAT BENINESE HAVE OFFERED  
ASYLUM TO SOUTH MOLUCCAN TERRORISTS. BENINESE MEDIA (I.E.,  
VOICE OF THE REVOLUTION AND SEMI-OFFICIAL DAILY "EHUZU") HAVE  
GIVEN NO COVERAGE TO HIJACKING/KIDNAPPINGS IN THE NETHERLANDS.

2. BENINESE HAVE IN PAST, HOWEVER, BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SOUTH  
MOLUCCAN REPRESENTATIVES AND HAVE GIVEN PLAY TO INDEPENDENCE  
ACTIVITIES. IN SEPTEMBER 1976, GENERAL ISAAC J. TAMAELA LED  
DELEGATION REPRESENTING "MOLUCCAN GOVERNMENT IN EXILE" TO  
COTONOU AND MET WITH PRESIDENT KEREKOU. A MR. SAHUREKA  
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(REF D) APPLIED AT EMBASSY SEPT 10, 1976, BUT LATER WITHDREW  
VISA APPLICATION TO VISIT UNITED NATIONS. AT TIME WE  
WERE INFORMED BY WASHINGTON THAT THIS GROUP REPRESENTED NON-  
VIOLENT FACTION OF SOUTH MOLUCCANS. EHUZU OF SEPT 16, 1976,  
RAN STORY DESCRIBING SOUTH MOLUCCAN CAUSE AND BENINESE SUPPORT  
FOR IT. SINCE THAT TIME BENINESE INTEREST IN SOUTH MOLUCCANS  
HAS BEEN ECLIPSED BY THE GOVERNMENT'S OBSESSION WITH THE

JAN 1977 MERCENARY ATTACK, ITS SUPPORT FOR THE POLISARIO-  
SAHAROUİ PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, AND THE CAMPAIGN TO  
SHIFT THE VENUE OF THE OAU SUMMIT.  
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